

Remarks

Claims 1-28 are currently pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 11, 20, and 26-28 have been amended. Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

Interview Summary

The undersigned participated in a telephone interview with the Examiner on March 21, 2005. During the interview, the Stilp reference was discussed in relation to subject matter of the present application. Namely, it was discussed that Stilp discloses the AP obtaining cell site data in real time but fails to disclose that the AP provides the data within a shared database where access to information for a particular cell site within that database is granted based upon the occurrence of an emergency/call outage at that particular cell site. The present application provides for access to a shared database containing the real-time information for a particular cell site being granted upon the occurrence of an emergency/call outage. The Examiner indicated that Stilp did appear to lack that particular feature.

102 Rejections

Claims 1-28 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(3) as being anticipated by Stilp (US Pat 6,400,320). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The independent claims have now been amended to more clearly recite that the real-time data for a cell site is stored within a shared database where access to the real-time data for a particular cell site within the shared database is granted upon the occurrence of an emergency or call outage at the cell site. As a representative example, claim 1 now recites method that involves enabling access to the information associated with the telecommunication network to one or more computer software programs stored in a storage device that is in communication with a computing system where the information is stored in a shared database that restricts access to the information, enabling the one or more software programs to access the information for a particular cell site within the telecommunication network on a real-time basis when an emergency event or call outage occurs at the cell site, wherein the information associated with the

telecommunications network that is stored in the shared database comprises real-time variable information specific to each of the particular cell sites within the telecommunications network. Support for these recitations is provided in Figure 12 and the related discussion within the specification.

Thus, the real-time data within the shared database for a particular cell site is not available to all parties at all times, but at least certain parties are granted access to the real-time data only upon occurrence of the event. The parties may then use the data for various purposes, such as to assist in handling the emergency event or call outage at the cell site, and the real-time data is protected within the database at time when such an event has not occurred.

Stilp discloses at col. 6, lines 57-63 that the AP allows real-time access to the locations records of the database by application programs attempting to gain information for the cell sites. However, Stilp does not disclose that the database is shared such that access is granted upon the occurrence of an emergency or call outage. To the contrary, Stilp assumes that the application programs attempting to gain access may always be trusted such that there is no restriction on access to the real-time cell site data by the AP. Accordingly, Stilp fails to disclose the recitations of the claims pertaining to granting access to the real time data upon the occurrence of an emergency event or call outage at a cell site. Therefore, the independent claims 1, 11, 20, and 26-28 are allowable over Stilp for at least these reasons. Furthermore, dependent claims 2- depend from allowable base claims and are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

Additionally, claim 11 further recites that once access is granted, the accesses are logged and the variables of the database are maintained secure. This is also supported in Figure 12 and the related discussion. Stilp also fails to provide for these recitations such that claim 11 and its dependent claims are allowable over Stilp for these additional reasons.

Conclusion

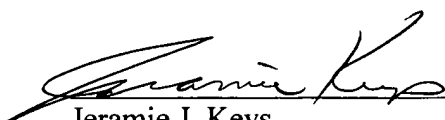
Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-28 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and

remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees beyond the request for continued examination fee are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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